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AMENDING THE PARKING BOOTING FEE, MONITORED BY MUNICIPAL COURTS, AND AMENDING THE CORRESPONDING SECTIONS OF THE CITY CODE TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGES.

WHEREAS, on September 10, 1987, City Council approved Ordinance No. 65690 declaring the violation of City ordinances relating to parking and stopping vehicles to be civil offenses and prescribing civil fines and other civil penalties; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 1988, City Council approved Ordinance No. 66559 which authorized a \$25 immobilization fee (the "Parking Booting Fee") as an enforcement measure for the collection of delinquent parking fines; and

WHEREAS, a vehicle is immobilized if the registered owner has at least three delinquent parking violations; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 1999, Ordinance No. 90496 was approved by City Council to increase the fee from \$25 to \$40; and

WHEREAS, an increase in the fee from \$40 to \$60 is recommended for Fiscal Year ("FY") 2004-2005 based on the cost to immobilize a vehicle, which is also consistent with the average fee of other major Texas cities; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 538 vehicles will be immobilized due to outstanding parking fines in the next fiscal year, generating approximately \$10,743 in additional revenue if the fee increase is approved; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. City Council hereby authorizes and approves amending the Parking Booting Fee monitored by Municipal Courts from \$40 to \$60 and amending Chapter 19 of the City Code to reflect such change.

SECTION 2. Revenue generated from the fees mentioned in Section 1 shall be placed in the General Fund, Index Code 017095 entitled "Parking Booting Fee", Activity Code 030201.

SECTION 3. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance of the City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific Index Codes and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be effective October 1, 2004.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of September, 2004.

EDWARD D. GARZA

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APPROVED AS TO FORM: _